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SUBJECT: VISIT TO USSR OF JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

SUMMARY: JAPANESE HEAD OF CHANCERY NAGAO HYODO GAVE EMBOFF
BRIEFING APRIL 22 ON CURRENT SITUATION FOLLOWING DEPARTURE
OF JAPANESE FISHING NEGOTIATORS (SEPTTEL) AND OF DIET
DELEGATION. IN GENERAL HYODO SAW NO IMMEDIATE BENEFITS
FLOWING FROM DIETMEN'S VISIT, ALTHOUGH HE THINKS VISIT
DEMONSTRATES TO SOVIETS THAT JAPAN IS UNITED BEHIND GOJ
ON ISSUE. PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE TREATED TO SAME UNCOMPROMISING
LINE NEGOTIATORS GOT BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE. END SUMMARY.

1. INITIALLY SOVIETS EXPRESSED CONFUSION ABOUT PURPOSE
OF VISIT, CLAIMING THAT THEY COULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH
SUCH A GROUP. JAPANESE EMBASSY RESPONSE WAS THAT THIS
WAS NOT PURPOSE OF VISIT BUT THAT DIET SUPPORT IS
ESSENTIAL FOR ANY AGREEMENT AND, THEREFORE, SOVIET
LEADERS SHOULD LISTEN CAREFULLY TO DELEGATION WHICH
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REPRESENTED ALL PARTIES IN DIET. AS VISIT UNFOLDED,
THE SOVIETS TREATED DELEGATES COURTEOUSLY AND AT
APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL EXPECTED BY JAPANESE. (THEY
SAW: SUPREME SOVIET CHAIRMAN PODGORNYY, COUNCIL OF
UNION CHAIRMAN SHITIKOV, AND CHIEF SOVIET NEGOTIATOR
ISHKOV AMONG OTHERS.)

2. AS EXPECTED, SOVIETS WERE UNBENDING ON SUB-
STANCE OF DISPUTE. HYODO SAID EACH SOVIET OFFICIAL
SEEMED TO BE READING FROM SAME BRIEFING PAPER. THEY
ALL MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--MIG 25 INCIDENT IS A MAJOR REASON FOR DETERIORATION
OF JAPANESE-SOVIET RELATIONS, AND REQUIRES
REPARATION PAYMENT;

--CATCH LOSSES IN OTHER FISHERIES AREAS FORCE
USSR TO PROTECT SOVIET 200-MILE ZONE CAREFULLY;

--ANTI-SOVIET PRESS CAMPAIGN IN JAPAN HURTS ATMOS-
PHERE OF TALKS; IT IS COMING FROM "CERTAIN CIRCLES"
WHICH DO NOT REPRESENT TRUE INTERESTS OF JAPANESE
PEOPLE;

--SOVIET SIDE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO COMPROMISE;
IT WOULD BE UP TO JAPAN TO MAKE NEXT MOVE.

3. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO OUTWARD SIGN THAT SOVIETS
WERE IMPRESSED BY THE ARGUMENTS OF THE DIETMEN,
HYODO BELIEVES THERE IS LIMITED VALUE IN VISIT;
SOVIETS HAVE NOW SEEN THAT THEIR UNCOMPROMISING HARD
LINE HAS PRODUCED FIRST POST-WAR CASE OF UNANIMOUS
BACKING IN DIET FOR GOJ POLICY. WHAT, IN
HYODO'S OPINION, MUST HAPPEN FOR FULL IMPACT OF
UNITED FRONT TO BE FELT BY SOVIETS, IS THAT 200-MILE
ZONE BILL AND 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA BILL BE QUICKLY
PASSED BY DIET BEFORE MAY NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN.
HIS READING OF SENTIMENT OF DELEGATION MEMBERS
LEAVING MOSCOW LEADS HIM TO BELIEVE
RAPID PASSAGE OF BOTH IS LIKELY. TOON
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